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In re Application of:

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Title: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION FOR USE AS A CONTRACEPTIVE

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Concurrent with the filing of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) herein, responsive to the Final Office Action of May 7, 2002, and in connection with the Interview conducted November 5, 2002, kindly amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 1, 3, 5-7, 9, 10, 17, 18 and 36 to read as follows (a marked-up version showing the changes is provided in the attached Appendix):

✓ 1. **(Twice Amended)** A pharmaceutical composition comprising from about 2 mg to about 4 mg of micronized drospirenone, about 0.01 mg to about 0.05 mg of 17 α -ethinylestradiol, and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, the composition being in an orally administrable form.